

Media, PA— Today Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA) attended and spoke at the Brookhaven Fire Company's new building dedication ceremony and the Collingdale Fire Company's 101st Anniversary Banquet. — "There is something that sets first responders apart from other professions and that is the 'dignity of danger.' We ask these men and women who serve as our first responders to place their lives in harms way for our community, and this was epitomized by 14 year old volunteer fire fighter Chris Kangas, and most recently fire fighter Michael Reagan," said Congressman Sestak. It is my honor to be part of the Brookhaven Fire Company's building dedication today. I am inspired by the heroic and dedicated service of this volunteer company, which provides critical public services to Brookhaven Borough, and congratulate the entire company for all their service and for moving into its new home. "

Congressman Sestak introduced the Christopher Kangas Fallen Firefighter Fairness Act (HR 2224) to bring equity to fire fighter benefits, regardless of age or status as an apprentice or trainee. The Congressman will be meeting with the International Association of Fire Fighters union to garner support for the Kangas legislation.

The new Brookhaven Fire Department station is located on Two Cambridge Rd in Brookhaven. The Brookhaven Fire Company is a 100% volunteer organization that has an active membership of approximately 60 members. The company sponsors a Fire Safety Carnival each May to educate the public regarding fire prevention and safety in the home.

This evening, Congressman Sestak will also be attending the Collingdale Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 and Emergency Medical Services' 101st Anniversary Banquet. For the last 101 years, the company has proudly served the borough of Collingdale, Aldan and surrounding areas with Fire & EMS Protection along with Collingdale Fire Company #2.

On Sunday, Representative Sestak will attend the Upper Darby Township Fire Department's annual Fire Prevention Parade, which kicks off their Fire Prevention Week. The parade, which will feature five township companies, three marching bands, and an honor guard, is dedicated to all the fire fighters and armed forces personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation. Local dignitaries, including Upper Darby Mayor Raymond Shay, will be attending the parade. The theme of Upper Darby's Fire Prevention Week this year is "Practice Your Escape Plan."

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's

anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.